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30 April 1956

Mr. Roger W. Jones
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference
Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I refer to your letter of 5 April 1956, requesting the comments of this Agency on a proposed bill cited as the Overseas Health and Medical Services Act of 1956.

The Central Intelligence Agency is in accord with the objectives of this legislation, and we feel that the provision of benefits of this sort to all Government employees overseas would be extremely worthwhile.

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We anticipate that hearings will soon be held on our proposed legislation, and we are hopeful that the Congress will act favorably on it during this session.

Our analysis indicates that the benefits in the Administration bill are substantially similar to those which are available to our overseas employees under present law or which would be authorized under the proposals which are now before the Congress. The administrative provisions, which contemplate, among other things, an overseas Medical Board to oversee administration of the program, and which will consist of representatives of several agencies of the Government, may create certain difficulties for this Agency because of our peculiar security problem due to the special arrangements which are made with regard to the jurisdiction over our employees abroad.

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Sincerely yours,

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Legislative Counsel

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